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## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A personal interview was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, by applicant's undersigned attorney and Examiner Reginald A. Renwick and his primary, Dimitry Suhol.

- (a) No exhibit was shown, nor was a demonstration conducted.
- (b) Claim 1 was discussed.
- (c) References discussed during the interview included Wells (US Patent No. 6,846,238), Dickinson (US Patent No. 5,265,874) and Raven (US Patent No. 5,429,361).
- (d) The amendments discussed included the language of claim 1 that the gaming machine “is locked to prevent play of the gaming machine by any player.”
- (e) During the interview, the undersigned explained that the Wells reference does not lock the gaming machine to prevent play of the gaming machine by any player since a player of the Wells machine is not prevented from playing the gaming machine. In Wells, the player plays

the gaming machine locally or remotely. Applicant asked Examiner Renwick if other language might clarify this distinction, and the Examiner suggested "the gaming machine no longer operates" to play a game.

(f) The undersigned agreed to submit a supplemental amendment to bring out this distinction.

Respectfully submitted,

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